

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on January 5, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. James O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Andrea Olsen (D) and Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary  
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 91, 12/29/2016; HB 126, 12/29/2016

**HEARING ON HB 91****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:24 Rep. Gordon Pierson (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 91, Revise food safety laws.

00:02:06 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:00 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture (DOA)

00:07:26 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

00:07:58 Levi Ostberg, Montana's Farmer Union (MFU)

00:08:00 Rep. Olsen joined the meeting

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:09:17 Vice Chair Pierson

**HEARING ON HB 126****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:52 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 126, Generally revise the Montana pesticides act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:13:41 Cort Jensen, DOA

00:20:22 Levi Ostberg, MFU

00:21:19 Kellianne Morris, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)

00:23:44 Shantil Siaperas, MACO

00:24:19 Amy Adler, Self

00:27:55 Karen Laitala, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:28:57 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agriculture Business Association (MABA)

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00:45:06 Chelae Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:47:25 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGGA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:49:20 Rep. Bachmeier

00:49:37 Cort Jensen, DOA

01:05:06 Chair Redfield

01:05:08 Rep. Curdy

01:06:00 Chair Redfield

01:06:32 Rep. Beard

01:07:40 Cort Jensen, DOA

01:08:49 Rep. Beard

01:08:57 Vice Chair Pierson

01:09:16 Krista Lee Evans, MABA

01:09:34 Rep. McKamey  
01:09:44 Chair Redfield  
01:10:13 Cort Jensen, DOA  
01:12:04 Chair Redfield  
01:12:33 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association, (MGGA)  
01:12:58 Chair Redfield  
01:13:04 John Simpler, MGGA  
01:13:23 Chair Redfield  
01:13:47 Rep. Olsen  
01:14:49 Krista Lee Evans, MABA  
01:15:26 Rep. Olsen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:15:37 Rep. Shaw  
01:18:32 Chair Redfield

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:21:21

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Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([agh04aad.pdf](#))**